MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Excise Commissioner has been asked to submit proposals to the Government before the close of the year 1098. His report has not yet been received.

Promotion of Temperance.

58. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to introduce the following measures in order to minimise, as far as possible, the drink habit and the annoyances arising therefrom to the public:

(*a*) to lay down a rule that no liquor shops should be opened within a distance of less than half a mile from temples, schools and public offices;

(*b*) to make the sale of liquor after 6 P. M. penal;

(*c*) to declare the sale of liquor to, or the purchase of liquor by, Government servants, penal;

(*d*) to rule that the sale of liquor shall not be permitted in shops in which other articles are kept for sale?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer furnished to question No. 57.

Resale of Liquor Shops.

59. MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): (*a*) How many arrack and toddy shops were resold during this year?

(*b*) What was the loss or gain in each case on account of such resale?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 37 arrack and 36 toddy shops.

(*b*) A statement * containing the information is laid on the table. It may be noted that losses due to resales are recoverable from the original purchasers, and the usual steps will, no doubt, be taken to recover these losses as far as possible.

Resale of Liquor Shops.

60. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of toddy and arrack shops resold during 1098, up to the end of Mithunam?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer to interpellation No. 59 by Mr. M. R. Madhava Variar.

Import of Salt.

61. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): Will the Government be pleased to state the quantities of

* *Vide* Appendix IV—pages 218 and 219.

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Bombay, Tinnevelly and Tuticorin salt imported into Travancore in 1096 and 1097 respectively, and the quantities for which contract was given in 1098?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): In regard to the first part of the question, the member is referred to pages 26 and 30 of the Administration Reports for 1096 and 1097 respectively. The quantities for which contract was given in 1098 are shown below:—

Bombay salt	...	3,20,000 maunds.
Tuticorin or Tinnevelly salt	...	3,50,000 maunds.

High Court Judges on Vacation Duty.

62. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement containing the circuit programme of Vacation Judges of the High Court for 1097 and 1098 and the amounts drawn by them as travelling allowance?

(*b*) Will it not result in great saving if the Vacation Judges are asked to inspect court after court in order of nearness to one another instead of being allowed to proceed from one court to a distant court leaving out the adjacent courts?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The member is referred to the Judicial sheets of the Government Gazette, pages 89 and 485, dated the 21st March, 1922, and the 27th February, 1923 respectively, in regard to circuit programmes. A statement † of travelling allowances drawn is laid on the table.

(*b*) The programme of inspection of particular courts is fixed with reference to their previous inspections, the object being the inspection of all the courts, at least once in three years. The order of nearness cannot always be adhered to.

Appointment of K. V. Viraraghavachari in the High Court.

63. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): (1) Did the Chief Justice appoint one K. V. Viraraghavachari on Rs. 45 in the High Court after the reorganisation?

(2) What is his qualification and what was his pay before the reorganisation?

(3) Is it a fact that the Chief Justice recommended him for a place on Rs. 45 at the time of the reorganisation and that that recommendation was not approved by Government?

(4) Is it a fact that he was subsequently appointed as the head clerk of a Munsiff's Court on Rs. 35 and taken back to the High Court on Rs. 45?

(5) How long after the date of the reorganisation was this appointment made?

(6) Is it a fact that the Chief Justice kept this place vacant from the time of the reorganisation till the date of appointment of Viraraghavachari to the same?

† *Vide* Appendix V—page 220.

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